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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to you today to outline the 'What We Do' for the end of the school day, and why we have set it up in the manner that we have.

**End of the Day.**

Our lessons finish for Years 7 - 10 at 3pm. All of the students in these year groups are then walked to the gate, in single file, silent lines by their teacher. We have over 900 students on roll at our school. It is important that everyone exits the building safely. If all students left when the bell went it would be unsafe, as such we walk children to the gate. This also gives every member of staff the opportunity to say goodbye to the students as they leave for their houses. If students are attending an enrichment activity they then join a separate line in the KS3 courtyard. This means that we know who is attending enrichments, so if a parent contacts the school we can answer without delay. If a child has detention, we endeavour to collect them from their lesson and take them to their detention before the end of the day. If we don't manage this we expect children to attend their detentions independently. Children are notified of detentions at lunchtimes.

Those of you that collect children will notice that there are always senior staff on the gate saying goodbye to children and we also have staff on station road and then two members of staff walk to Aldi. We want our children to demonstrate pride in their school and pride in their community. As such we expect that children go home sensibly and don't congregate in the local area. We recognise that they are children and that time spent walking home with friends is valuable and we hope that children enjoy this, however they are also part of a community and they have a responsibility to behave appropriately in the area and be positive ambassadors for our school. This means being polite to members of the community, not dropping litter, saying please and thank you in shops and on public transport, and allowing members of the public to sit down on the bus.

Where children cycle, we expect that they cycle safely. This means that they cycle wearing a helmet, on the left hand side of the road, they aren't cycling on the pavement, doing wheelies on the road, or weaving in and out of traffic. We don't want any children putting themselves, or others, at risk due to unsafe cycling. We will be in further contact regarding this in due course.

If you have any questions about this, please contact us and please find a video summary of this letter [here](#).

Yours faithfully,

**Mr N Nabarro**  
Headteacher

